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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, January 22, 1862.*

The following Orders, received from the War Department, are published to the Army:

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 22, 1862.*

The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, has received information of a brilliant victory achieved by the United States forces over a large body of armed traitors and rebels at Mill Spring, in the State of Kentucky. He returns thanks to the gallant officers and soldiers who won that victory, and when the official reports shall be received, the military skill and personal valor displayed in battle will be acknowledged and rewarded in a fitting manner. The courage that encountered and vanquished the greatly superior numbers of the rebel force, pursued and attacked them in their entrenchments, and paused not until the enemy was completely routed, merits and receives commendation. The purpose of this war is to attack, pursue, and destroy a rebellious enemy, and to deliver the country from danger menaced by traitors. Alacrity, daring, courageous spirit, and patriotic zeal, on all occasions and under every circumstance, is expected from the Army of the United States.

In the prompt and spirited movements and daring battle of Mill Spring the nation will realize its hopes; and the people of the United States will rejoice to honor every soldier and officer who proves his courage by charging with the bayonet and storming entrenchments, or in the blaze of the enemy's fire.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT: EDWIN M. STANTON,  
*Secretary of War.*

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN:

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*